



**Ohio Department of Administrative Services
Ohio Geographically Referenced Information Program (OGRIP) Council
Sunset Review Committee
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Good afternoon, Chairman Wilkin and members of the Sunset Review Committee. My name is Katrina Flory. I'm an Assistant Director with the Ohio Department of Administrative Services (DAS) and the State Chief Information Officer. As the State CIO, I also serve as the chair of the Ohio Geographically Referenced Information Program (OGRIP) Council.

I am pleased to appear before you today to testify in support of the OGRIP Council. It is through coordination efforts of the OGRIP Council the State of Ohio has established partnerships across all levels of government to conduct several statewide geospatial data development initiatives that reduce redundant data collection across agencies, improve the accuracy and currency of the data, and provide access to over 40TB of authoritative geospatial data assets. Among these initiatives coordinated by OGRIP is the Location Based Response System, the Ohio Statewide Imagery Program, the 3D Elevation Program and most recently the 3D Hydrography Program.

These Council initiatives support the efforts of GIS professionals at all levels of government to provide accurate and timely analysis of information to support their respective missions, from tax collection and distribution to public safety and emergency response.

By leveraging Federal, State and local resources, OGRIP has effectively reduced redundant data development activities through the creation of statewide data development initiatives that leverage the economy of scale to reduce costs, improved the quality and accuracy of Ohio's spatial data, and expanded accessibility to the data. The accurate data developed through these efforts serves as the backbone for the development of additional data sets that are maintained and used by government decision makers and the public. Working across all levels of government, OGRIP maintains the GEOhio Spatial Information Portal for GIS users to discover and access geospatial data assets that can be used to support their missions. This supports one of the Council's key goals to ensure that geospatial data developed with taxpayer dollars is readily discoverable, accessible, and available to the GIS user community.

The OGRIP Council was first established through Executive Order in 1993 to coordinate GIS activities and ensure taxpayer dollars were not used for redundant spatial data collection efforts. The Council was later codified in 2008 when the legislature expanded the Council's membership and duties,

requiring the Council to produce a State-Owned Real Property Inventory and associated management report.

The Council welcomed the opportunity to coordinate the development of a comprehensive inventory of state-owned parcels and the creation of a management plan. Building upon previous collaborative efforts, the Council engaged state agencies and local government officials to compile a statewide parcel dataset, continuing the build-out of the Ohio Spatial Data Infrastructure (OSDI) and providing state agencies with much needed information to better manage these assets.

The Council consists of 14 members representing the County Engineer's Association, County Commissioner's Association, County Auditor's Association, the Ohio Township Association, the Ohio Municipal League, and a representative from each of the following state agencies: Transportation, Natural Resources, DNR Division of Oil & Gas, Environmental Protection, Higher Education, Administrative Services, Public Safety, Development Services and the Attorney General.

Members are not compensated for their time nor travel. The Council does not have a budget. Staffing and support for the Council is provided by the Department of Administrative Services.

Chairman Wilkin and members of the Committee, the OGRIP Council provides valuable guidance, advice and support for coordinated spatial data development efforts that make efficient use of state assets. These efforts continue to benefit the state and its' local agency partners, and as it continues to foster a collaborative working environment among the state's GIS user community and for this reason, we recommend reauthorization of the OGRIP Council.

It has been my pleasure to testify before you today in support of the OGRIP Council. I thank you for your time this afternoon and would be happy to answer any questions you may have.